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Dear Members of the AEC Redistribution Committee:
Mr Tom Rogers, Mr Steve Kennedy, Mr Craig Sandy and Mr Andrew Greaves

Re: Naming of the proposed new federal electorate in Victoria.

I write regarding the above and submit below a list of notable women worthy of having a federal electorate named after them.

Only 5 of the 38 Federal Electoral Divisions in Victoria, 13%, are named after women. Therefore, the new electorate needs to be named after a woman to re-dress this imbalance, particularly as more than half of Australia's population are women.

To this end, following is a link to notable and worthy women:

- <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/women-life-city-2018.pdf>

If the location of the new seat is in the Gippsland region, I also suggest the following (in alphabetical order):

- Jean Galbraith: <https://www.environmentalhistory-au-nz.org/2014/08/jean-galbraith-book/> <https://www.abc.net.au/local/stories/2009/03/19/2520819.htm>
- Linda Twite: <https://www.aboriginalvictoria.vic.gov.au/linda-twite>
- Eva West: http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/west-evelyn-maude-11999?fbclid=IwAR1VWH_K5kRdP66eGVMPOIrIBe2Xj_C8BORX2wAoZ6_vI1QYLj_9HTE4qHw

Also of note:

- There is inherent gender bias in the guidelines for renaming, specifically that divisions should consider being named after former Prime Ministers. Given there are no dead women prime ministers, this guideline is problematic.
- The AEC Redistribution Committee is all men. There are Commonwealth guidelines for gender parity on government boards. This is an oversight.
<https://www.pmc.gov.au/office-women/leadership/gender-balance-australian-government-boards>
https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Finance_and_Public_Administration/Gender_Balanced_Represent/Report/c01

Yours sincerely

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